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Examiner Celine X Qian	Art Unit 1636	

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 8,9 and 12-58 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8,9 and 12-51 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 52-58 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 14 May 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 8, 9, 12-58 are pending in the application. Claims 8, 9, 12-51 are withdrawn from consideration for being directed to non-elected subject matter. Claims 52-58 are currently under examination.

This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed on 7/1/04.

Response to Amendment

The rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C.112 1st paragraph is moot in light of Applicant's cancellation of the claims.

The objection to claims 5-7 is moot in light of Applicant's cancellation of the claims.

The newly added claims 52-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.112 1st paragraph for reasons discussed below.

New Grounds of Rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 52-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a mouse comprising homozygous disruption of TLR2 gene in its genome, wherein such disruption results in no production of endogenous TLR2 protein, and wherein said mouse exhibits the phenotype of being unresponsive to bacterial cell components that is a lipoprotein/lipopeptide, and further unresponsive to peptidylglycan, and hyporesponsive to cell wall fraction of Gram positive bacteria; and a mouse comprising homozygous disruption of MyD88 gene in its genome, wherein such disruption results in no production of endogenous MyD88 protein, and wherein said mouse exhibits the phenotype of being unresponsive to bacterial cell components that is a lipoprotein/lipopeptide, and further unresponsive to

peptidylglycan, lipoteichoic acid, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* lysate, and hyporesponsive to cell wall fraction of Gram negative bacteria; does not reasonably provide enablement for a mouse comprising homozygous disruption of TLR2 or MyD 88 gene in its genome, wherein such disruption results in no production of endogenous MyD88 or TLR2 protein, and wherein said mouse exhibits the phenotype of being unresponsive to bacterial cell components that is a lipoprotein/lipopeptide, and further unresponsive to peptidylglycan, endotoxin, lipoteichoic acid, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* lysate, and hyporesponsive to cell wall fraction of Gram positive bacteria. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make/use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

The claims are drawn to a mouse comprise either homozygous disruption of TLR2 or MyD88 that is unresponsive to a number of bacterial cell components including lipoprotein/lipopeptide, peptidylglycan, endotoxin, lipoteichoic acid and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and hyporesponsive to cell wall fraction of Gram positive bacteria. However, based on the disclosure of the specification, the mouse having homozygous disruption of endogenous TLR2 exhibits the phenotype of being unresponsive to bacterial cell components that is a lipoprotein/lipopeptide, and further unresponsive to peptidylglycan, and hyporesponsive to cell wall fraction of Gram positive bacteria. The mouse having homozgyous disruption of endogenous MyD88 gene exhibits the phenotype of being unresponsive to bacterial cell components that is a lipoprotein/lipopeptide, and further unresponsive to peptidylglycan, lipoteichoic acid, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* lysate, and hyporesponsive to cell wall fraction of Gram negative bacteria. According to such disclosure, the two mice have different phenotype

depends on which gene is disrupted even though some of the phenotype overlaps. Nevertheless, each mouse has distinct phenotypic feature of its own. As discussed in the previous office action, the phenotype of the mouse is essential characteristic for the enablement of the claimed mouse. As such, the specification is not enabling for a mouse that has a disruption in one gene but exhibits the phenotype of another. Therefore, the claimed invention is only enabled to the scope indicated above.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celine X Qian whose telephone number is 571-272-0777. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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